

Miami Is Confident of Winning Two Games From El Paso

Arizona Fans Enthusiastic In Welcome to the Mavericks

Hill and Ehlers Are Selected as Opposing Pitchers in Opening Game of Series For Championship—Kane's Delivery Is Familiar to the Miners, but Hill Is Expected to Be Able to Puzzle Them.

MIAMI, Ark., Sept. 12.—Baseball traditions were upset and the whole town turned out Thursday night when the El Paso Mavericks arrived for a series of three games with the local club. Escorted from the depot by a large crowd of fans, the visiting players were shown every courtesy by manager Simpson and the members of the Miami team.

This afternoon the teams were scheduled for the first contest of a series for the championship of southern Arizona. Cliff Hill, of Texas league fame, was slated to pitch for the Mavericks, while Ehlers was the choice for the Miami aggregation.

Confident that the home club will win at least two out of three games, large sums have been wagered on the chances of the Miami team, regardless

of the merited invincible southpaw, Cliff Hill. The Miami players are all familiar with Harry Kane, having hit against him in a double bill at El Paso, and do not doubt that they can defeat him again. With Hill it is different. The wonderful speed and control of the crack pitcher, coupled with his cool headwork, is liable to be a handicap to the local miners, who hit weakly against a speedy southpaw.

After the series is concluded Sunday night, a banquet has been arranged for the guests by manager Simpson. An estimated crowd of 1600 witnessed the Globe-Miami series at the Miami park. On an even last night, out is expected for the Miami-El Paso game.

Price and Robertson, the new backstops of the Mavericks, are to alternate in the series here. Dutch Nagle, the Galveston, Texas leaguer, did not accompany the team, Harley Klefer playing in right field.

On "the White Hope Question"

Higgins-Herrick Bout Is Important

(By Eddie Mowery.)

WHEN Stanley Ketchel passed over the big brink, several years ago, he left the middleweight division in a serious mess. Nowadays when a fight promoter, stalling his card strong, he can state that the contest is for the middleweight championship of the world, and get away with it.

The real contender for the championship is Jack Dillon, who, during the past two years, has been fighting on an average of twice a month. True, he is not meeting any classy boxers, but he is always working and keeping in the limelight.

The one bright spot in Jack Herrick's career is the campaign he has had against Dillon. They have met six times, and on all occasions Herrick has held Dillon at bay. Once in a great while a good boy will come out of the wilderness and leap to the front in two or three battles, but the fighting game now is like big league baseball—you have got to sit on the bench for a year or two before you mix with the big ones. Higgins, from Knoxville, may have everything his friends claim—big championship timber—but he has got a mighty big bundle of over before he can claim the late Stanley Ketchel's crown.

Every small town in this country has its "white hope." On one occasion a stock company was formed in Tulsa, Okla., with \$25,000 capital, to boost Firman Morris to the world's championship. Morris is still fighting in the tall wheat.

In Frisco, lately, neighbors tried to press agent Bob McAllister, a clever young amateur middleweight, to the front. After two fights with a fourth rate, Bob went back to the store to take on a little more weight.

The Higgins-Herrick fight will doubtless attract more attention than any battle that has ever taken place in the southwest, for the reason that the

winner will be a proper opponent for Jack Dillon.

BOXING ITEMS

By "Bud."

As a guarantee that he is certain to make good, Bobby Burns, the Dallas, Texas, lightweight, who has been meeting topnotchers in the middle west, declares that if he does not make a satisfactory showing in his initial appearance in the Juarez arena, if given a chance, he does not want to be remunerated for his services. Burns is now in Kansas City, but is anxious to come to El Paso and participate in one of the shows in the Juarez arena.

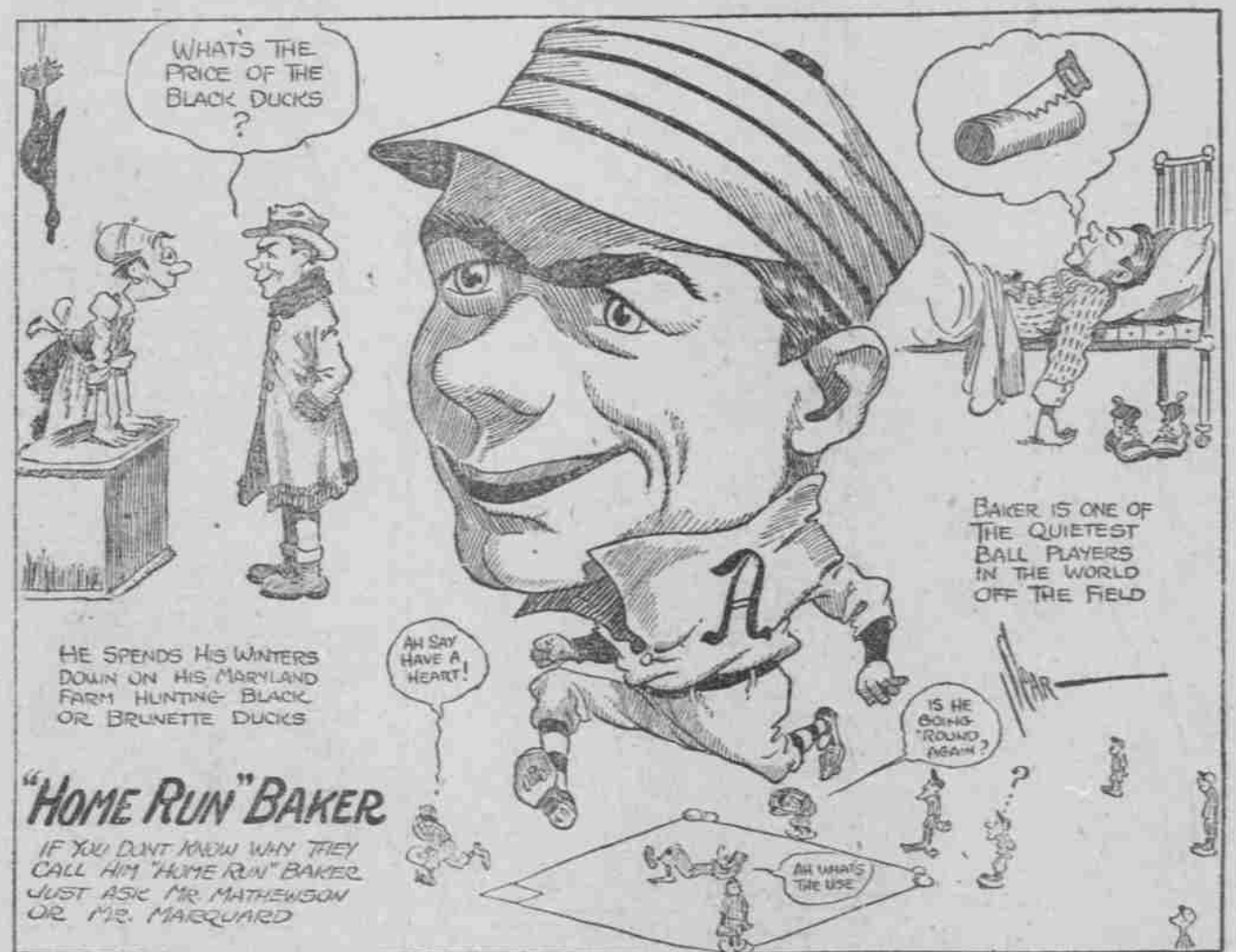
Burns, who was brought out by Bobby Vaughn, the Ft. Worth lightweight, has met several good boys in Kansas City and at Joseph, Mo., and is especially anxious for a match with either Frankie Burns or Bennie Chavez, Rocky mountain bantam champion.

Harry Atwood and "Young" Wolgast will probably be signed for the 10 round special event for the Higgins-Herrick middleweight card on September 28. Wolgast, who won the bantam title a few days ago, has impressed the El Paso fans with his fighting ability. He carries a nifty variation of punches and is an all round fighter. Atwood gave a clever exhibition at the Juarez arena in the curtain raiser of the Gage-Mantel bout and has shown that he is quick and clever. Both boxers are snappy and have their muscles under perfect control. Their punches hardly ever travel over six or eight inches, but have the steam behind them, the result of their stiff training on the Pacific coast. Wolgast is working at the Herrick camp.

Gus Flores, the Mexican bantam at Silver City, who won a six round decision over "Battling" Burke recently, has made a name for himself. He is anxious for another match with Flores to retrieve his laurels, and a curtain raiser may be arranged between them for the October 5 card.

Men Who Will Fight For the World's Championship

John Franklin Baker, the Home Run Hitter and Great Third Baseman of the Athletics



(By Sloane Gordon)

IF YOU don't know why they call him "Home Run Baker," ask Mr. Mathewson or Mr. Marquard, both of whom write "New York" after their names when they register at a hotel now, for the tipoff, John Franklin Baker is the full name, and he first came into national prominence in 1911 when he practically won a world's series for the Athletics. So important did John Franklin Baker become at this time that the baseball writers began to ring the changes on his cognomen and call him "J. F. Baker," which is practically the last word in baseball prominence.

Baker's hobby, as may have been already guessed by the astute reader, is home runs, and he has developed this so far it has become an obsession with him. He is also particularly anxious when he hits these home runs, picking out the most fragile situations in a ball game to smash the sphere into the bleachers or over the fence—it matters not to him. Now there are a lot of ball players who confine their home run hitting to harmless situations such as at times when the bases are empty and their club is five or six counts behind.

Not John Franklin. He ruined what promised to be a very enjoyable afternoon for Richard W. Marquard in the early fall of 1911 by popping the ball over the fence of Shibe Park at a time when it won the game. Not content with this he tied up the game in the ninth inning with one out in the next battle of that series by the simple process of driving the ball into the right field grandstand at the Polo ground. Mr. Mathewson was the victim of this second assault.

Baker is a product of Trappe, Md., which place was never heard of until about the time its prominent citizen hit those two home runs in 1911. Since that occasion, it has become popular as a winter resort, because Mr. Baker endorses and uses it for this purpose. John Franklin was born in that spot in 1886, but, as is the case with so many coming stars, nobody paid much attention to the event at the time, the fact being merely mentioned in the Saturday night "Breezes" of the local paper.

After growing up, which was a necessary preliminary, Mr. Baker went to work with the Reading team of the Tri-State league until "Connie" Mack began to wonder who was disturbing the acoustics of the state of Pennsylvania by hitting the ball so hard out in that neighborhood and sent a scout to find out. The scout reported that



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Nelson and Wolgast Agree to Fight

Yankees Secure Pitcher "King" Cole

BATTING NELSON and Ad Wolgast, two famous lightweights and exchampions, will settle their differences in the arena of the Milwaukee Athletic club, according to an announcement in Chicago. Nelson says that he will be willing to have Wolgast boss the job, and will concede to catch weights, if Wolgast demands that figure. The bout will be staged Oct. 12 or Oct. 27.

Charles White, a Chicago light weight, and Johnny Dundee, of New York, will meet at Racine, Wis., on Oct. 6. Freddie Ritchie will be in Chicago Saturday and the question of the proposed Ritchie-White match will be settled then.

"King" Cole, now with the Columbus American association team, was not overjoyed to hear that he had been drafted by Frank Chance, of the New York Yankees. While on the Cub staff, Cole had trouble with Chance, the Fearless leader finding him \$100 kicking in a close game. Cole was the sensation of the National league in the post-season game between the Red Sox and Braves. Captain Wagner and pitcher Jos Wood have signed contracts for next season, with president McAlister.

Manager Branch Rickey, of the St. Louis Browns, has announced the release of pitchers Schwenk and Stone to the Oakland Coast league club. Schwenk, who has only one game this season, but was not considered up to date. Stone has been carried all year and been found wanting.

Bill Beynon, English bantamweight title holder, has been matched to box Dastillon, of the Philadelphia Yonkers, during the latter part of September. If successful against Dastillon, Beynon will be signed to meet Charles Ledoux, bantam champion of Europe.

Frank Chance, who said that the dark days are now over for the Yankees, Chance prophesied that the team would be in seventh place, but considered it of small importance, as he was deeply interested in new players to be tried out for next season's foundation. Chance declared that he was very much encouraged over the showing of the club.

"Young" Joe Shugrue, the New York boxer, who is now in Denver, has received an offer from the promoters of the Philadelphia Yonkers, to meet Tommy Lee, manager of Frankie Burns, and Shugrue has received an offer from the Pacific coast for Burns to meet Eddie Campi, in a 20 round bout.

Yankees Rally For Strong Finish

Chance Thinks the Tigers Have His Team Spotted Too Many Points for the New Yorks to Finish in Sixth Place.

By ALLEN SANGREE

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—"We are right up and coming now," declared manager Frank Chance when the Yankees climbed out of the cellar, vacating the berth to the St. Louis Browns.

"I'm afraid that Detroit has spotted too many games for my club to finish sixth, but I don't mind saying that we are going to make a garish finish. I hope to have Peckinpah back in the lineup, which will make my infield considerably stronger."

Chance evidently based his remarks on the fact that his club has given its most creditable performance of the season by winning five out of six games. Ray Caldwell began the winning streak, taking the last battle at Washington. Fisher, McHale and Schulz won on domestic soil and "Slim" also obliged before a home crowd. But for the fact that Frank Chance gambled a little bit too long on Russell Ford the state would have been clean as a hound's teeth—six in a row for a week.

Caldwell's work has been almost phenomenal in view of the fact that waltzers were asked on him in midseason. Chance cannot be blamed for asking waltzers on the attenuated flinger, because the crowd's impression of him out the league was that Caldwell had passed out. At Washington after "Slim" disposed of the Nationals with the ease of a hired man putting coal in your cellar, Griffith wryly observed to "Slim": "Tell me your arm and your forearm or your leg bet I never should have waived on you."

In addition to good consecutive pitching the Yankee with their new line-up, have given the best exhibition of offensive baseball noticed all season.

Lack of Punch Handicaps McAllister

Match Between San Francisco Fighter and Clabby Would Be Good Battle; American Boxers Are Busy in Australia.

By THOS. S. ANDREWS

BOB McAllister, the San Francisco middleweight, seems to have all the cleverness necessary to carry a boxer along in the 125 pound division, but he lacks the punch to put his man away when he has the chance. He fought Sallor Petroskey about six weeks ago and secured a draw. The next battle was a 20 round draw. The boy, for McAllister is merely a youth, demonstrated that he is there with the cleverness and can go the distance, but he lacks the one great vital in fighting—the punch—something that Stanley Ketchel possessed. McAllister may be able to develop the punch as he goes along. It is likely that he will be matched with Jimmy Clabby at San Francisco, and if they come together it should be a great battle.

The legalizing of boxing in states and the inauguration of the commission plan of handling the same is a good thing for the sport. It is hoped that more states will follow the pace set by New York, Wisconsin, Montana, Colorado and Utah. Boxers who have been in the habit of making and breaking contracts to suit themselves find where the commission operates, that they cannot do so any longer. The New Orleans Athletic club had made a match between Young Denny of that city and Billy Walters, of Chicago. The latter, so it is said, ignored the southern agreement and prepared to take on a match at Kenosha, Wis.

However, the New Orleans matchmaker, D. J. Tortorich, took the matter up with the Wisconsin commission, and the latter was ready to take some action when the manager of Walters backed up for another date and thus prevented any interference. There is no reason why the different states should not work together in the up-lifting of the game and have agreements covering just such points as the New Orleans affair. Boxers who soon learn to live up to their agreements. The same should apply to clubs breaking agreements with fighters.

Australian boxing news is unusually interesting, especially where the Yankee boxers are interested. The following has just been received by the writer: "Pat Brown, the Minnesota lightweight, has just arrived in Sydney with his trainer, Jack Dougherty, of Milwaukee. Brown will be matched with one of the local boys (track and may meet McHeenan, Moran or Wells later. Harry Thomas, the New York lightweight, met Herb McCoy and lost a hard battle. McCoy was a bit heavier. Thomas being under the lightweight limit. McCoy will be matched with Wladimir Holitsky, the Danish fighter. A. Petty Officer Curran of England met his second defeat at the hands of Bill Lang and will now leave for home. Alf Spencey, the British lightweight, will return to Australia from England and meet McHeenan. Jim Sullivan, who lost to Billy Fox in England, was defeated by Pat Bradley and wants to

Fletcher Is Speedy on Bases

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